UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OF emorandum Casper Mr. Callahan Mr. Conrad Mr. Felt Mr. J. Edgar Hoover Mr. TO Director, FBI DATE: Apri M 0 pine Kid Mr. Trotler FROM Sol Lindenbaum Tele. Room Executive Assistant to Miss Holmes Miss Gand the Attorney General Re: Telegram from Congressman Selden SUBJECT: Attached is a telegram sent to the Attorney General by Congressman Selden with regard to the issuance of the warrant for the arrest of Eric Starvo Galt, later identified as James Earl Ray. Also attached is a copy of my letter of acknowledgment, informing Mr. Selden of this referral. Never 4-2 1-68 EJNI / ... INRECORDED COPY MALL IN 44-38861-2578 14 APR 29 1968 1.61 C.Par 1968% 55мач б

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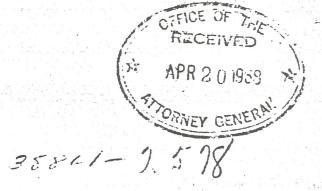
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WASHDC PLEASE ADVISE WHY ARREST WARRANT FOR ERIC STARVO GALT WAS ISSUED IN BIRMINGHAM. FBI'S EVIDENCE REVEALED THUS FAR CLEARLY INDICATES THAT GALT SPENT ONLY A FEW WEEKS IN EIRMINGHAM AND THAT HE ALSO SPENT TIME IN SEVERAL OTHER STATES. THE CRIME WAS NOT COMMITTED IN EIRMINGHAM. THIS IS A MOST UNUSUAL PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW

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April 22, 1968

Honorable Armistead Selden House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Selden:

The Attorney General has asked me to acknowledge your telegram of April 19 with respect to the federal warrant issued for the arrest of Eric Starvo Galt, later identified as James Earl Ray.

The choice of a jurisdiction in which to apply for the warrant was made by the investigators. Your telegram is therefore being referred to the FBI for reply. However, I might add that since the warrant was based on a complaint alleging a conspiracy that began in Birmingham, it was not inappropriate to seek it in that city.

Sincerely,

Sol Lindenbaum Executive Assistant to the Attorney General